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Scientific Advisory Committee on Fisheries (SAC)

Subregional Committee for the Western Mediterranean (SRC-WM)

Online, ZOOM
17 – 19 February 2021

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA AND TIMETABLE

Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th February

*Morning, 10.00–13.00 hours**

Afternoon, 15.30 –17.30 hours

1. Opening and arrangements of the meeting

- Welcome addresses and introduction of participants
- Adoption of the agenda and appointment of the chairperson and rapporteurs
- Introduction of SRC-WM objectives and expected outputs

2. Review of main topics of relevance for the SRC-WM

- 2.1. Status of fisheries in western Mediterranean, as emanating from the GFCM report on the State of Mediterranean and Black Sea Fisheries (SoMFi) 2020
- 2.2. Issues related to the formulation of advice on fisheries, including as emanating from data submitted through DCRF
- 2.3. Follow-up on strategic initiatives of the GFCM of interest to the subregion
- 2.4. Recommendations stemming from the forty-third session of the GFCM relevant to the western Mediterranean subregion, including data requirements in relation to REC. GFCM 43/2019/2/ on blackspot seabream as well as the launching of discussion towards the new GFCM strategy on fisheries and aquaculture

3. Outcomes of relevant technical activities for the management of fisheries in the western Mediterranean

- 3.1. Status of western Mediterranean fisheries, including assessments emanating from plenary and relevant benchmark sessions of the Working Groups on Stock Assessment (GFCM Secretariat)
- 3.2. New FRA Proposal in the Ebro Delta (GSA 06) (Marta Coll and Miquel Ortega)
- 3.3. Establishment of several no-take areas along the entire GSA 06 after consensus with Fishery Associations (Joan B. Company)
- 3.4. Technical inputs to the regional adaptation strategy to cope with the effects of climate change on fisheries in the Mediterranean Sea (Manuel Hidalgo)
- 3.5. Future needs for recreational fisheries monitoring, including for select coastal species (GFCM Secretariat)

**the meeting will be carried out online on ZOOM and will take place every day from 10.00 to 13.00 and 15.30-17.30 Rome time*

3.6. The GFCM Database on Sensitive Benthic Habitats: proposal for a data call (GFCM Secretariat)

4. Discussion on other subregional matters and follow-up activities, including within the mid-term strategy and the new strategy

4.1. Pilot study on DNA metabarcoding to investigate biotic aspects of fisheries catches (potential pilot in western Mediterranean countries) (Tommaso Russo)

4.2. Transboran Project progress (Marcelo Vasconcellos)

4.3. Preliminary results from GFCM surveys at sea and initiatives to improve knowledge on interactions between fisheries and the environment:

- Discards monitoring in Algeria (2019-2020) (Ahmed Inal)
- Interaction between cetaceans and fisheries in the Alboran sea (Juan Antonio Camiñas)
- Discards monitoring and Surveys at sea in Morocco (2019-2020) (Najib El Ouamari)

4.4. Present state of the Blue Crab (*Callinectes sapidus*) fishery in the Ebro Delta (Catalonia, Spain) (Eva Visauta and Pere Abelló)

4.5. Discussion on potential actions within the new Strategy of GFCM

5. Conclusions, recommendations and scientific advice

6. SRC-WM work plan

7. Any other matter

8. Closure of the meeting